

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Friday, June 28, 2002

HOUSE

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 8, 2002, at 2:00 p.m.

Remarks:

The Intellectual Property Protection Act.

"... The legislation provides a private cause of action with a 3-year statute of limitations for victims to recover damages in federal court. In addition, if a person violates the anti-counterfeiting laws a second time within three years, treble damages will be available. We must protect and encourage American originality and innovation. This bill goes a long way towards doing that..."

Smith

Page E 1178

Drug Policy.

Paul

Pages E 1183-4

Social Security Program Protection Act Of 2002.

Jackson-Lee

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SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 2700. A bill to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act *to limit the amount of attorney assessments for representation of claimants and to extend the attorney fee payment system to claims* under title XVI of that Act; to the Committee on Finance.

Lincoln

Pages S 6318, S 6320

S. 2707. A bill to *amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide comprehensive pension protection for women; to the Committee on Finance.

Kennedy

Pages S 6319, S 6320-1

Nomination Withdrawn:

Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Francis L. Cramer III, of New Hampshire, to be a *Judge of the United States Tax Court* for a term expiring fifteen years after he takes office, which was sent to the Senate on November 28, 2001.

Pages S 6325, D 706

Remarks:

Progress In The Senate.

"... We passed 57 judicial confirmations. That is more than any recent Congress has passed in the same period of time, either Republican or Democrat, even in those cases when the Senate was of the same party as the President at that particular time..."

Daschle

Pages S 6298-9

Public Company Accounting Reform And Investor Protection Act.

"... It also amends our Federal bankruptcy law to make penalties relating to the violation of certain Federal and State securities laws nondischargeable..."

Stabenow

Pages S 6300-2

The Pledge Of Allegiance.

Byrd

Pages S 6306-9

The Pledge Of Allegiance Decision.

"... It is unhealthy for our democracy when one circuit routinely refuses to follow the law. During the last six years, the Supreme Court has reversed 80-90% of Ninth Circuit cases reviewed. While the Supreme Court corrects the Ninth Circuit often, it cannot do so on every questionable ruling, and this allows the establishment of dangerous precedents. I am particularly concerned about Wednesday's ruling because one of the judges who joined in the majority opinion was Judge Stephen Reinhardt, whose own confirmation process was marked by controversy in 1980..."

Thurmond

Pages S 6311-12

High Fructose Corn Syrup Antitrust Decision.

"...Judge Posner's unanimous opinion, joined by Circuit Judges William Bauer and Michael Kanne, articulates in clear, cogent, and unequivocal language the standard for the Federal courts in the Seventh Circuit to follow in deciding whether circumstantial evidence of price-fixing or tacit collusion should be presented to a jury in antitrust cases. This is a much needed improvement in the state of the law, and I hope that it will soon be followed in other circuits as well..."

Levin

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